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SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ

1. IN SPITE OF SHORT VISIT, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ HAD BUSY
ANDPRODUCTIVE SCHEDULE IN CYPRUS APRIL 3. IN MORNING HE HAD
MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, HOUSE PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES,
FONMIN ROLANDIS, AND LEADER OF OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC RALLY
GLAFCOS CLERIDES. IN AFTERNOON HE TOURED TURKISH-CYPRIOT
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ADMINISTERED AREA ACCOMPANIED BY "TFSC PRESIDENT"
DENKTASH, WHO ALSO GAVE DINNER IN HIS HONOR. MR.SOLARZ
HAD LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY OFFICERS, AND
ACTING UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE GORGE.

2. IN DISCUSSINS WITH GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS,
MR. SOLARZ FOCUSSED ON POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN GOC

PROPOSALS. HE ASKED IF GOC IS PREPARED TO MOVE SIGNIFICANTLY UPWARDS FROM PRESENT OFFER OF 20 PERCENT IN A TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTERED REGION IF THAT WOULD HELP ACHIEVE AGREEMENT. STANDARD RESPONSE WAS THAT TURKISH SIDE HAS NOT YET MADE ITS INTENTIONS KNOWN; THEREFORE GOC CANNOT INDICATE ANY FLEXIBILITY IN STATED POSITION. GREEK CYPRIOTS CONCEDED THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HAD ON A MOST INFORMAL BASIS SUGGESTED 25 PERCENT WOULD BE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE TURKISH CYPRIOT-CONTROLLED REGION BUT IT IS UNFAIR TO SAY THIS FIGURE IS ALREADY AGREED BY GOC.

3. ON 620 (X), SOLARZ POINTED OUT THAT CHOICE IS BETWEEN NO EMBARGO OR AN INEFFECTIVE PARTIAL EMBARGO; THERE IS NO REAL POSSIBILITY OF A COMPLETE DENIAL OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR TURKEY. PARTIAL EMBARGO IS NOT CAUSING TURKEY TO MOVE ON CYPRUS BUT IS EXACERBATING U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS. IN HIS VIEW, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO REPEAL EMBARGO AND PERMIT TURKEY TO ACT AS PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS PROMISED. GREEK CYPRIOTS RESPONDED THAT MOST IMPORTANT VALUE OF EMBARGO IS THAT IT CONSTITUTES MORAL PRESSURE ON TURKEY; REPEAL WOULD MEAN U.S. IS GIVING ITS BLESSING TO TURKISH INVASION OF 1974.

4. WITH TURKISH CYPRIOTS, SOLARZ NOTED THAT HE HAD VOTED FOR REPEAL OF EMBARGO; AS ADVOCATE OF GOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS WITH TURKEY HE HAD TO SAY CHANCES OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST WOULD INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY IF TURKISH SIDE PRESENTS REASONABLE PROPOSALS SOON. DENKTASH RESPONDED EMOTIONALLY THAT TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD PRESENT PROPOSALS INVOLVING CONCESSIONS BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP TURKEY, THE GREAT BENEFACTOR OF TURK CYPRIOTS. FINAL RESULT OF NEGOTIATION ON THIS BASIS WOULD, HOWEVER, MEAN THE EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. (SOLARZ AND EMBARRAS AGREED DENKTASH WAS PURPOSELY EXAGGERATING ON THIS POINT.)

5. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APRIL 4 CARRIED MODERATE COVERAGE, WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, OF FACT OF CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT BUT DID NOT REPORT SUBSTANCE OF ANY CONVERSATIONS. EMBASSY HAD NOT YET SEEN TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS. STONE

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